



WHO'S BEEN FOOLING WITH THAT CANNON?: The Civil war cannon on the bluff in St. Joseph has been the object of many pranks over the years. But this time they went too far. It appears they fired a broadside and opened a gaping hole in the old Cooper-Wells building below the bluff. But, No, this can't be

blamed to pranksters. Actually, the hole was made by workmen tearing down the 70-year-old structure. Remember, the cannon doesn't work. (Staff photo by Dick Derrick, St. Joseph City Editor)

Death Downs Captain Eddie Rickenbacker

Heart Attack Is Fatal To World War I Flying Ace



CAPTAIN EDDIE
RICKENBACKER

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, a grade school dropout who survived dogfights with the Red Baron to become a World War I flying ace and the guiding genius behind Eastern Airlines, died today in Zurich, Switzerland, Eastern officials said. He was 82.

An Eastern spokesman said Rickenbacker died of heart failure at a Zurich hospital. His wife was with him at the time.

His death ended a career of excitement and danger that prompted him to say in 1970: "I've cheated the old Grim Reaper seven times that I know of."

An Eastern spokesman said funeral services would be held in Columbus, Ohio, his native city, later this week.

Rickenbacker was the epitome of every Walter Mitty's dream.

As early as 1914, he was pushing race cars to 134 miles an hour on the sands at Daytona Beach.

By the time the United States entered World War I, Rickenbacker was earning \$40,000 a year as an auto speed demon.

In 1917 he enlisted in the Army and became staff driver for Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Though 27 and two years over the age limit for airmen, the 6-foot-2 Rickenbacker transferred to the fledgling flight service and got his lieutenant's commission after only 12 practice flights in the fragile Spads.

Assigned to the 94th Hat-In-The-Ring Aero Pursuit Squadron, he shot down his first plane with a machine gun April 29, 1918. A month later he shot down his fifth to qualify as an ace.

Soaring without a parachute in primitive planes propelled by engines less sophisticated than those in today's lawnmowers, Rickenbacker eventually blasted down 21 German aircraft and five observation balloons out of the skies over France.

On his way to becoming America's ace of aces, he met propeller to propeller with the Red Baron — and Baron Manfred von Richthofen's Flying Circus.

Surrounded by three scarlet-nosed planes of the German "ace of aces," Rickenbacker tried to get away but his pur-

suers showed "extraordinary adroitness in handling their machines. The heavens seemed quite crowded with the three dancing Fokkers."

"After a time, an opportunity came to try to outrun them, and with the motor full open and the nose straight down, I looked back and saw them fading away in my rear."

The American who learned to fly by the seat of his pants later was to say: "From hero to zero is about the average hero's fate. This hero business shouldn't be taken too seriously."

But a generation later and (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



RESCUED AT SEA: Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker is shown being moved by stretcher following his rescue from a life raft in the South Pacific 22 days after his plane was forced down. This picture was taken at a U.S. military base somewhere in the South Pacific in November, 1942. (AP Wirephoto)

Senators May Issue Subpoena Nixon Won't Yield Tapes

By MICHAEL PUTZEL
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Word has been sent to the Senate Watergate committee that President Nixon will not permit the panel access to White House documents and tapes of

presidential conversations, The Associated Press has learned. Details of the President's position were not revealed, but all indications were that the seven-man committee would meet in executive session today and vote unanimously to issue a

subpoena for the Watergate-related materials. A subpoena could—but probably would not—name the President, one source close to White House and Senate negotiators said.

The source, who indicated there had been informal discussions of the matter between White House and committee staff members, said: "I would expect the subpoena to be issued to the custodian of White House records and the person respon-

sible for the tapes.

"It would accomplish the same purpose and wouldn't ruffle as many feathers."

Meanwhile, the Senate panel planned to continue its televised inquiry into the Watergate scandal, questioning ex-White House aide Gordon Strachan today with the President's former top aides, John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman next on the witness list.

The confrontation between the President and the Watergate panel over White House evidence has loomed for a month since Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., the committee chairman, first sought various documents the panel considered relevant to its investigation.

On July 7, Nixon flatly rejected the request, as well as suggestions by the North Carolina Democrat and other committee members that the President personally appear to defend himself against sworn statements that he participated in the Watergate cover-up.

The President claimed it would violate the doctrine of separation of powers for the nation's chief executive to appear before or surrender confidential papers to a legislative committee.

The committee persisted, and, after discovering that automatic recording devices had been taping presidential conversations since 1971, renewed its request with the suggestion that access "should not be delayed if the committee is to perform its mission."

White House officials indicated the President had decided to stand firm in refusing access to the materials, despite the committee's arguments that the tapes constitute vital testimony and are not protected by executive privilege.

Ervin, at a weekend news conference in his home state, escalated the argument another notch: "The President, said the former judge, "is making it

Lake Tepmerature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 51 degrees.



SHORT MARRIAGE: A divorce has been granted to singer Diahann Carroll and her husband Freddie Ulusman in Reno, Nev. Saturday. The couple was married four months ago. (AP Wirephoto)

'Kill Passengers Or Let Them Go'

DUBAI (AP) — A coded message originating in West Germany told the hijackers of Japan Air Lines jumbo jet today to kill the passengers immediately or let them go without delay.

In Karachi, airport authorities said they had "positive indications" the hijacked jet was to come to the Pakistani capital. Security arrangements were made at the Karachi airport, which was cordoned off by police.

The message said: "If you intend to kill the passengers on board jumbo 44 do it at once, otherwise be human enough to release them."

"It sounds ridiculous if you

permit those whom you obviously want to kill to receive refreshments and meals."

"Please give up your intentions. There are other means of unbloody possibilities to reach your political aims."

The message was signed off "13569, inhabitants of Federal Republic of Germany."

Palestinian guerrilla organizations frequently send coded messages including long series of numbers on radio broadcasts in the Mideast.

The coded signoff could mean the message was transmitted by accomplices or allies in West Germany.

Four hijackers are holding 139 passengers in 100-degree-

plus heat here, and the air pirates announced earlier that they had expected instructions very soon from their headquarters.

"We are soldiers and we have to wait for orders," said a radio message from the terrorists aboard the plane.

One of the hijackers is a Japanese, and the president of Japan Air Lines, Shizuo Asada, asked to speak to him in Japanese. The air pirates refused, saying they would talk only to officials of the Dubai government and would make their demands known only after they received orders.

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

School Buses Are Safest

WASHINGTON (AP) — School buses are the safest means of highway transport, but still contribute to 5,000 injuries a year to school children, according to a task force of the Department of Transportation. In recommending that the federal government adopt more stringent standards for school bus construction, the task force noted that 93 per cent of the injuries to children in bus-related accidents occur inside the bus.

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Jetliner Crashes With 79 Aboard

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — A Pan American jetliner with 79 persons reported aboard crashed into the sea north of the Papeete Harbor channel Sunday night.

Four survivors were taken to the Papeete hospital, but one of them, a stewardess, died there.

Three bodies have been recovered.

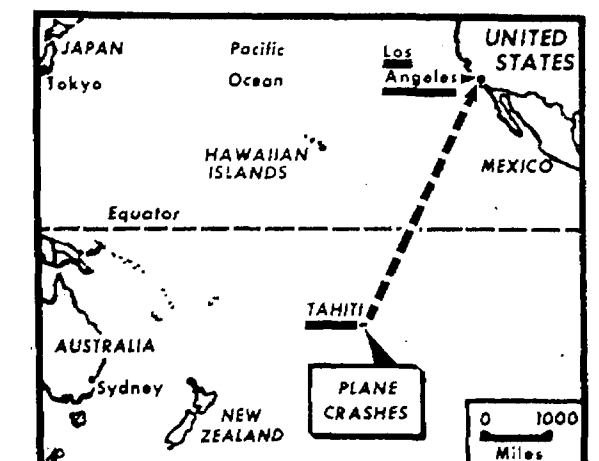
The Boeing 707 jet crashed shortly after taking off for Los Angeles.

The plane was flying Pan Am's flight 816, from Auckland, New Zealand, to Los Angeles with a scheduled stop in Papeete. It crashed at 10:15 p.m. local time, or 4:15 a.m. EDT Monday.

There were 69 passengers and 10 crewmembers aboard. Five tugs from the French navy were on the scene looking for survivors with the aid of floodlights.

The sea was calm, and debris of all sorts was floating on the surface of the water. Cushions from the plane seats, clothing and inflatable rafts could be identified.

Reports from the scene said one American who had been taken aboard a rescue craft jumped into the sea when he



PLANE DOWN IN PACIFIC: A Pan American 707 jet on a flight from Tahiti to Los Angeles with 79 persons aboard crashed into the ocean on takeoff Sunday night. (AP Wirephoto)

recognized the body of his wife. A heavy odor of jet fuel hung over the area.

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Sportsmen Take Aim At The YWCA

A growing number of outdoor groups, the Sportsmen's Alliance of Michigan (SAM), the National Conference of Sportsmen, the Northeastern State Council of Sportsmen and the Ohio Federation of Conservation Clubs to mention a few, have local Community Chests YWCA chapters in a tizzy.

The sportsmen are renewing a boycott first leveled two years ago at the YWCA for its advocacy of fairly stiff gun-control legislation.

The Y's national convention held in March at San Diego called upon Congress to enact legislation requiring gun owners to be licensed, all firearms to be registered, and all handguns to be banned except for police protection, military exercise and licensed private guard protective services.

The convention also adopted resolutions supporting Cesar Chavez' lettuce boycott, abortion on demand and lesser penalties for using and selling pot.

As the various Community Chests and Ys near budget making time, the sportsmen are telling the local units to disclaim the national Ys position or to look for the sportsmen to urge their friends and neighbors to cancel their contributions.

Since the sportsmen have successfully beaten back state and national legislation to impose stiff firearms control the local Chests and Ys are worrying if the gun lobby's political muscle can translate itself into financial clout.

The concern is natural because not many things get off the ground in our country unless they are fueled by money, and a rigorously directed boycott has brought more than one advocate to book over the years for taking a direction unpopular among those upon whom he depends for his support.

The gun-lobby's shotgun blast opens up several holes.

For one thing the boycott hits at all agencies within a Community Chest, most of whom are not officially con-

cerned with gun control.

Secondly it strikes at many local Ys which either do not follow the national headquarters' party line in all respects and to some extent carry on with local projects which are miles apart from resolutions adopted at annual conventions.

These typify the side effects which any boycott exerts. Those not involved in a controversy can be kicked as hard as those in the thick of it.

Nonetheless, if an individual or an organization takes a position on an issue, what is wrong with the opposition snapping its purse shut and calling upon others to do likewise?

Logically, how can the YWCA or anyone else similarly minded expect a person who thinks abortion is a crime, that pot is a menace, that Cesar Chavez is a racketeer or that gun control is no deterrent whatever to crime to contribute to the Y?

One might as well say the UAW should donate substantially to the National Association of Manufacturers or the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, or for the latter to kick in to the UAW's strike fund.

Brotherhood it would be — more than Damon and Pythias ever displayed one for the other, but even the brotherhood act can be overdone.

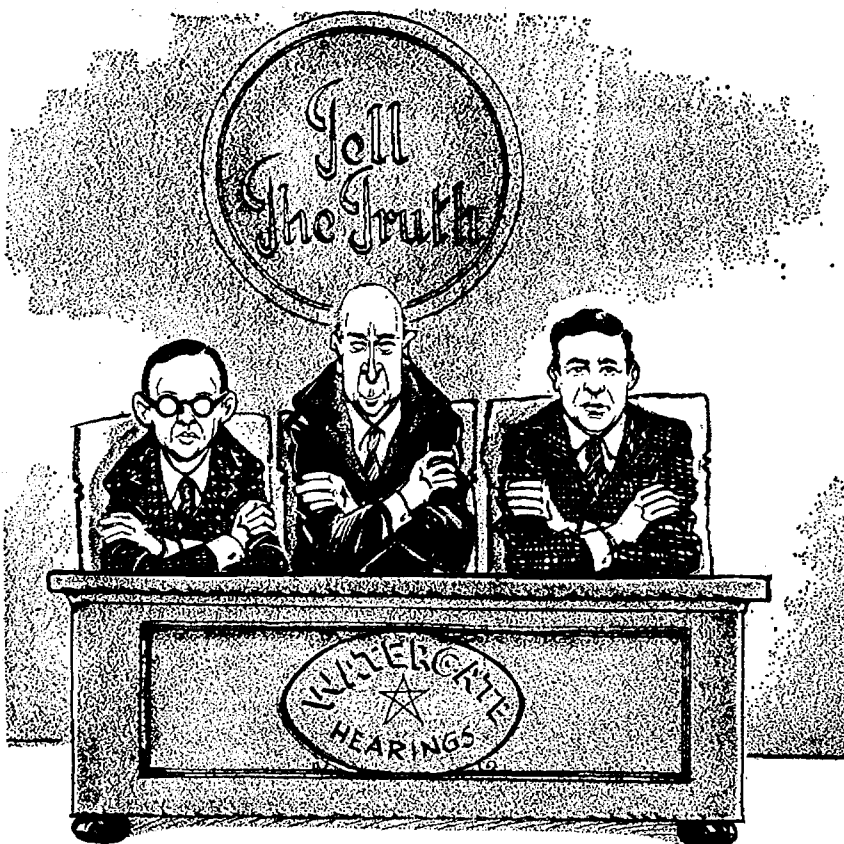
Uncle Sam poured something like \$60 billion into foreign aid to put his pals from World War II days back on their feet. France, West Germany, Italy, for example, would have remained so many pockmarked battlefields without that outpouring. The same is true for Japan and to some degree, England.

Aside possibly from West Germany, how many of our erstwhile comrades in arms are deploying their postwar prosperity toward a stabilized international economy or are lending a hand to the U.S. which has its fair share of troubles in this situation?

If the Y's national organization wants to politicize on this or that issue, it's a free country.

It should, however, anticipate somebody will fight back.

--- Please Stand Up



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SIT-DOWN CONCERT TREAT FOR BAND

— 1 Year Ago —

As soon as Robert W. Brown, director of the band, arrived in the lively Swiss resort city, Brunnen, he called city official, H.R. Sidler, who confirmed arrangements for the first symphonic concert of the band's tour of Europe.

If weather is fair, the concert will be held outdoors. The band will march in its symphonic uniforms to drum up a crowd and then play the same numbers Saturday night as it played at its bon voyage concert before it left for Europe July 3.

WHIRLPOOL TECH BEGINS MOVE

— 10 Years Ago —

The first phase in the moving of Whirlpool Technical Institute

from Wall Street, Benton Harbor to its new building on the Community College campus was underway today.

Director William Selterberg said workmen today were removing the front window and shoring up the sidewalk. Several tons of heavy equipment will go through the window tomorrow for installation at the new building on Valley View drive.

RUSH PLANS FOR WARREN DUNES

— 29 Years Ago —

Detailed plans for postwar development of Warren Dunes state park on Lake Michigan, 17 miles south of St. Joseph, are taking shape on conservation department drafting boards.

The conservation commission has ordered quick completion of

blueprints of facilities that will accommodate an estimated 800,000 visits annually.

The park project contemplates purchase or lease of two and one-half miles of Lake Michigan frontage and 1,200 acres of land, including some of the largest moving and fixed sand dunes in Michigan. Plans will be drawn for bathhouses, restaurant, shelter buildings, campground toilet, laundry, and shower buildings, group camp buildings and other structures.

HEAT WAVE

— 39 Years Ago —

Crowds flock to the beaches to escape the heat wave, and Berrien county's farm lands are at risk for rain. The weather man has turned on the heat in earnest, with the mercury shooting up to 95 degrees.

BERRIEN HILLS DEDICATED

— 49 Years Ago —

A crowd turned out for the dedication of the new 18-hole golf course at Berrien Hills Country club and its recently completed \$20,000 clubhouse. Harry Bird, golf pro, gave an exhibition, and there was a match between two picked teams with a banquet and a dance in the evening to close festivities.

FARMERS WEALTH

— 59 Years Ago —

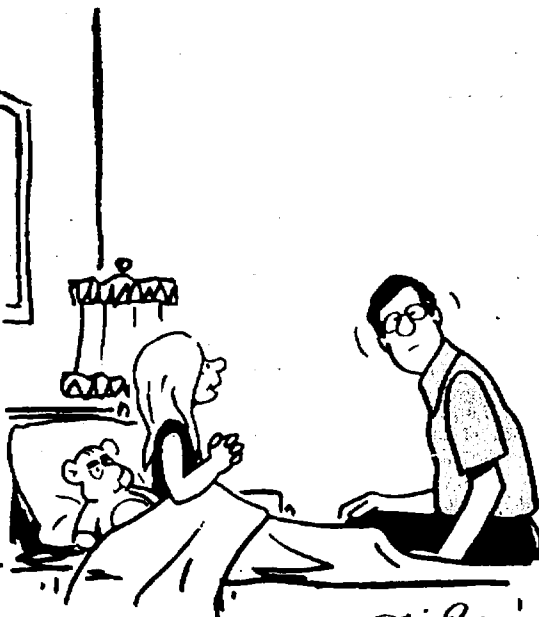
The farmers of Berrien county are worth \$34,518,200 according to an estimate made by investigators of Michigan Agricultural college. Berrien stands fourth among the counties of the state, being topped slightly by Kent. Lenawee ranks first.

SAFETY DEVISE

— 83 Years Ago —

Wire screens have been placed on the open street cars to protect passengers from injury while crossing the bayou bridge. This is a safeguard which has long been needed.

BERRY'S WORLD



Bruce Blossat

Presidential Woes After Watergate



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Picture a President Nixon who somehow gets through Watergate but later finds himself beset more than now with perplexing economic problems and energy crises which strike right into American homes.

In this unsettling Watergate spring and summer, the President has his bitter critics, a widening number if the polls are correct. But he also has his defenders, who are growing increasingly angry as the inquiries progress.

The newspaper the National Observer has been deluged with a furious fusillade of pro-Nixon mail from some of these defenders, since it carried a column by the perceptive, graceful political writer James M. Perry which boldly declared that much of the press views Watergate as proving the validity of its long-held suspicions of the President as a devious man.

Yet it has been suggested to me (and some others) that Mr. Nixon's support from these people might dwindle to an incredible minimum if a worsening economic and energy dilemma confronts him later on.

Suppose he seeks to meet these difficulties with new, tough control measures which smack almost of wartime austerity. Suppose my knowledgeable informant is right and his present angry bakers, feeling the pinch directly as they do not feel Watergate, largely desert him. How will he react?

Says a Republican sensitive to the President's make-up:

"He'll get angry. He'll get madder and madder. If he finds he suddenly has no defenders, he'll defend himself by lashing

out. "He'll respond the way he did when the Senate rejected his second southern U.S. Supreme Court nominee. Harold Carswell, the way he did when he labeled as 'those bums' the students who rioted against his 1970 decision to invade Cambodia."

This Republican adds that, should he find only Richard Nixon standing up to defend Richard Nixon, he will lay blame all about him — firing harder than ever at an uncooperative, outdated, immobile Congress, blaming foreign governments for part of our economic troubles, chopping even at specific American groups like farmers and industrialists for putting their interest ahead of national concerns.

More still from this source: "He'll challenge all these critics to get up off their backsides and do something, arguing that as President he's doing everything he knows to meet the crises and should not have to stand alone in such times of national crises."

By hacking away in this manner, it is suggested, the President might hope to regain at least his standard core of support, which ranges generally just above 40 per cent of voters — though in rare 1972 he swamped a widely unacceptable Sen. George McGovern with his 61 per cent total.

Yet, should the President's script run along these lines, it would contain what seems an utterly absurd contradiction. Flailing about so broadly in his self-defender's role, he would in effect be going over the heads of the people to win back some of the people.

Marianne Means

More States Are Opting For Sin



OCEAN CITY, MD. — Faced with a choice between protecting weak-willed residents from temptation or paying the bills without raising taxes, more and more states are opting for sin.

Five states in the last two years have bowed to financial expediency, in the form of legalized lotteries, making a total of eight such operations. Seven additional states, plus the nation's capital, are actively debating the idea.

New York approved off-track betting and several states are investigating similar notions. Iowa, despite its puritanical Bible Belt traditions, legalized bingo the other day. And even casino gambling, until now limited to Nevada, is under study in many states.

Lotteries are really an old idea with a modern face-lift. All the 13 original colonies operated lotteries to raise revenue. Most states continued the practice until 1895, when spreading

scandals forced Congress to prohibit lottery material in interstate commerce.

That finished state lotteries until New Hampshire revolted against burgeoning local property taxes and created an official sweepstakes to ease the public tab for education.

New York followed in 1967, and then in quick succession New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Maryland.

The Maryland lottery has been in operation for only five weeks, but already it has grossed approximately one million dollars a week. State officials have turned into shameless shills, touting the game across the state with promises of instant riches for lucky players.

Officials in special yellow blazers draw the winning digits each week from a big tractor-trailer, which is moved from town to town. The lottery held recently on the broadwalk in this resort city lured several hundred vacationers, clad in bathing suits and similar informal apparel, from more comfortable spots by the ocean. Most eagerly clutched tickets in their hands.

State lottery commissioner George Mahoney gushed that gambling is "the greatest thing that ever happened to the state."

L. Patrick Gray III, during his ill-fated tenure as acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned that legalized gambling is an open invitation to organized crime. Others have raised moral objections, and contended that such activities contribute to the spread of permissive attitudes in society.

But thus far there is no convincing evidence that anybody has been sent to jail or hell or starvation because of legalized lotteries. The states are raising money painlessly, even if it isn't as much as they need. A few people — although very few — are winning profitable prizes. And a lot of people are having fun for the price of a 50-cent ticket.

Recalling The Legend Of Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart would have been 75 years old on Tuesday, July 24. And she would have been the first woman to circumnavigate the world by airplane, if her daring attempt had not been cut short by tragedy so close to completion. Thirty-six years ago, on July 2, 1937, Earhart and her navigator, Fred J. Noonan, disappeared over the Pacific on the last leg of the journey that had started a month earlier in Miami.

Before she tried her luck on that last fateful mission, Amelia Earhart had an impressive list of "first woman" accomplishments under her belt and a world-wide audience of fans. In 1928, she became the first woman to cross the Atlantic in a plane and four years later she did it alone. In 1932 she was the first woman to make a nonstop flight across the United States and in 1935 to fly the Pacific from Hawaii to California.

The twin-engine Lockheed Electra carrying Noonan and Earhart was 2,500 miles from California when it vanished. "Gas is running low...unable to reach you by radio...we are

circling but cannot see you," were the last words heard by trackers on Howland Island. Scores of ships and planes combed 200,000 square miles of ocean for 15 days, but they found nothing. For years the rumor persisted that the two were captured and executed by the Japanese.

A new twist to the Earhart mystery was added in 1970 by two former Air Force officers who wrote a book claiming that, as the title said, "Amelia Earhart Lives." They identified her as Mrs. Irene Bolam of New Jersey. Her flight had been part of an espionage mission for President Roosevelt, they said, and she was captured by the Japanese and thrown in a cell in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo for the duration of World War II. In 1945, Emperor Hirohito secretly released her so the U.S. would let him remain in power. Mrs. Bolam held a news conference to declare that she was not Amelia Earhart and actually lived in Mineola, N.Y., during the war. The mystery and romance surrounding the disappearance of America's first great aviatrix survived intact.

Weathermen Are Chicken

There's been some objection to using women's names to designate tropical storms, so now one has been dubbed Typhoon Billie. Which might be either a male or female name. Someone's chickening out.

In 1880 Thomas Hughes, whose classic "Tom Brown's School Days" was modeled after Rugby, his own British school, founded a settlement of the same name about 50 miles northwest of Knoxville. The venture failed, but the old buildings of Rugby, Tennessee, are now being restored and may become a tourist attraction, National Geographic reports.

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Policemen And Firemen Will Object

Don't Like New BH Charter Omission

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor firemen will hold a special union meeting tonight to review pension provisions in a proposed new city charter.

Deletion of the term civil service and failure to establish a

civil service board in the proposed charter also are to be examined.

A spokesman for the firemen's union said tonight's meeting will be a study session, with the emphasis geared to finding out what vested rights mean in the charter.

A legal battle could be shaping up, as firemen and police appear determined to keep all benefits they achieved in the current charter. The pension plan, separate from a plan for other city employees, was written into the charter as an amendment, approved by voters in 1945.

The firemen's union has secured a local law firm and a spokesman said a second firm is being secured through the firemen's international union.

Benton Harbor firemen are members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 685. Police are represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, Blossomland Lodge 100.

Spokesmen for both firemen and police earlier voiced opposition to pension changes during appearances before the city charter commission.

This commission ended its work last week by voting to submit the proposed charter to the governor's office for review and to the electorate for a special election on Sept. 18. Three of the nine members—James Murphy, Mrs. Annie Robinson, and Mrs. Barbara Jones—voted against the new constitution. Their reasons, however, did not center on pensions or the term civil service. They wanted an employee residency rule written into the charter. And, increased powers for the mayor were sought by two of the dissenters.

A firemen's union spokesman commented that it's difficult to understand wording in the pension section of the new charter. He said any attempt to weaken vested rights or combine pension benefits with social security would be fought in the courts.

The proposed charter calls for a pension plan, to be adopted by the city commission as an ordinance. It also calls for a merit



RIGHT AND WRONG WAY: Bicycle riders on Lonesome Pine Trail in St. Joseph township demonstrate right and wrong way to use streets. Bicycles as vehicles should travel with traffic, not

more than two abreast. Heading down the road on the right are Alan McKee (with flag), Chalet Poziwilko, Denise Hicks and Barbara Roop. Head-

ing down the middle of the road are from left: Mark Kolenko, John Anzalone and Tom Roop. (Staff Photo)

Berrien Accident Rate Up 30%

Bike Safety Problems Growing

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Increased use of bicycles may solve part of the pollution problem but it has created some

others—accidents!

Robert Strumpfer, executive director of the Twin Cities Area Safety Council, said bicycle accidents in Berrien County were

up 30 per cent in 1972 over 1970 and the number of persons injured in bike accidents for the same period increased 39 per cent.

Safety officials believe a considerable number of bicycle accidents go unreported, personal injuries occur. And in some cases may be treated by family physicians rather than law enforcement agencies.

The bicycle problem is simply one of extreme growth in numbers and use, according to the safety council chief. The bicycle population in Michigan is estimated by some to be as high as six million. At the present growth rate the number of bicycles will soon surpass the number of motor vehicles registered in the state, Strumpfer said.

Bicycle use is no longer confined to youngsters. It is estimated there are as many adults riding bikes as youngsters. While the young set accounts for about half of the bike population, children under the age of 15 were 68 per cent of the 51 bicycle deaths and 80 to 90 per cent of the 2,849 injuries in Michigan last year according to accident reports compiled by the state police.

In Michigan from 1968 to 1972 bicycle deaths and injuries to all ages rose 22 per cent. During the same period, 69 per cent of the deaths occurred in rural areas and 72 per cent of the injuries happened in the urban areas.

The Bicycle Institute of America estimates there are over 67 million bicycle riders in the nation and for the first time since the 1890's adults represent a good portion of that figure. The National Safety Council reports during the period 1961-1971 bicycle deaths to all ages rose 70 per cent and injuries went up 48 per cent. Deaths among the 25-44 age group increased 300 per cent,

injuries by 500 per cent during the same period.

Not a great deal is yet known about the safety records of the adult cyclist, although the word from traffic safety experts across the country indicates a growing number of bicycle-motor vehicle accidents in which the adult bike rider was at fault. The same is true of his young counterpart. Reports show that over 50 per cent of the bicycle accidents are the fault of the cyclist.

Where to ride bikes is part of the growing problem. While Michigan has appropriated funds to build some bike paths, Strumpfer doubts there ever will be enough money to build paths to accommodate all the bike riders that might want to use them. Generally bike riders will have to continue to co-exist with

the four-wheeled vehicles on streets and highways.

Strumpfer cited two basic reasons for increasing numbers of bicycle accidents. Ignorance of the law and disregard for the law on the part of the bike rider. One can excuse younger children to some extent, he said, but there is no excuse for teenagers and adults for not being familiar with the rules of the road and obeying them. The Safety Council, the law enforcement agencies, schools and others have conducted bicycle safety training programs for years giving special attention to the laws governing bicycle operation.

Michigan's vehicle code considers a bicycle a vehicle and as such it has all the rights and is subject to all the regulations that apply to any other vehicle.

The code specifies that a bike

must be ridden on the RIGHT side of the roadway. It shall carry only the number of persons for which the bike was designed to carry. Bicycles shall not be ridden more than two abreast. Regulations governing signals for turns and stops apply as they do for automobiles.

All bikes must be equipped with a horn or bell and those being operated at night must have a front light that can be seen from a distance of at least 500 feet and a red reflector that can be seen from 50 to 300 feet to the rear. The code also holds parents responsible if they knowingly allow their child to violate the regulations, Strumpfer pointed out.

In the cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor every bicycle must be licensed.



CATERPILLAR IN YARD: Mrs. Annie Smith found this strange creature in her yard at 314 Brunson avenue, Benton Harbor. A reporter then did a little research at the Benton Harbor public library with the assistance of a patient library staff member. The reporter discovered that the creature is probably the larva of a Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. This caterpillar was about three inches long, distinguished by big head and prominent eyes whose only function is to distinguish light from darkness. Larvae hatch from eggs and later develop into winged insects. (Staff photo)

Local Area Feels Phase 4

Pork, Poultry Prices Jump

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

Food prices in the Twin Cities have ranged from "stable" to "sharply increased" since President Nixon lifted the price freeze from the food industry as part of his Phase 4 anti-inflation program.

Most of the increases are on pork and poultry, with moderate increases noted on dairy products, fresh vegetables, and eggs.

Beef still remains subject to strict price controls until Sept. 12.

The president announced his Phase 4 program on Wednesday.

Family Foods, on M-139 in Benton township, said there have been some increases, but that it was up to the suppliers how much they increased their retail prices.

A spokesman from Family Foods said pork and poultry had the sharpest increases, with bacon going up about 22 cents and boneless ham about 20 cents. Chicken has increased also.

Almost next door to Family Foods, Jewel food store on Napier avenue said "nothing has changed as of this morning." Both meat and grocery departments reported prices today were the same as the beginning of last week.

Schneck's supermarket, on Napier avenue in St. Joseph, noted butter, pork, and poultry have felt the price increases. Most groceries have not gone up in price, a spokesman said, but poultry has increased 7-10 cents and some pork 25 cents.

The manager of Hilltop Foods on Riverview drive in Benton Harbor said most meat prices have gone up, and added he believed other grocery prices would be affected by the lifting of the price ceiling.

Harding's market in Stevensville said they have not increased the price of poultry, but pork has gone up as much as 16 cents on some cuts.

A & P, on Riverview drive, Benton Harbor, said pork was the primary item increased in price.



TOD OSBORNE
Heads Driver Teachers

Osborne Is State President

Tod Osborne, chairman of the driver education department at Benton Harbor high school, has been elected president of the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education association for 1973-74.

The MDTSEA is a division of Michigan Education association and an affiliate of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education association. MDTSEA membership is composed of driver and traffic safety education teachers throughout the state.



HYDRANT LEAKS AFTER CRASH: Thomas A. Grieger, 18, of 3330 Lincoln avenue, St. Joseph, sustained a bump to his forehead when his car struck a fire hydrant just off Niles avenue, at Howard avenue, in St. Joseph. St. Joseph police said the accident occurred today at 4 a.m. Grieger told police he was southbound on Niles when he lost control of the car and ran into the hydrant. The

hydrant leaked water for about 20 minutes before city employees turned it off. Police ticketed Grieger for failure to have his vehicle under control. They also confiscated an unloaded blank pistol which was reportedly found in the car. Police said carrying a blank pistol in a car is a violation of the pyrotechnic laws governing fire works. But no charges were filed immediately. (Staff Photo)

Legislators Plan 'Coming Out' Party

\$2.6 Billion State Budget Ready For Debut

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LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The legislature hopes to get a \$2.6 billion state budget on Gov. William Milliken's desk this week so lawmakers can scatter for overdue summer vacations.

The budget itself is overdue by three weeks, and time and tedium could force compromises on major parts of the state spending package.

Lawmakers confidently predicted this spring that the state would have its new budget and that they would be departed from Lansing by the time the new fiscal year started July 1.

But the gears of government whirled in neutral after disagreements erupted over spending levels.

Some legislative sources predict that the 10 appropriations

bills now in House-Senate conference committees will pop out for final legislative action by Wednesday or Thursday.

The three biggest spending bills—state school aid, welfare, and higher education—are the keys that will unlock the remaining appropriations. Once agreement is reached on the "big three"—which account for roughly \$1.8 billion of the state budget—the other bills should glide through.

Much of last week's work was done over the telephone, in hallways or behind closed doors of the Capitol rather than in conference committee.

"Just because we're not sitting around a table doesn't mean we're not talking," said one welfare conference committee member.

Several points of difference remain over the school aid bill, and although several conference committee meetings were open

to the public last week, behind-the-scenes negotiations played a big part in eventual compromises.

One conferee observed:

"There's a temptation to give long political speeches in open meetings. We don't have to be eloquent in front of each other."

House floor leader Bobby Crim, D-Davison, cautioning against ironclad predictions with the legislature, said he has "assurances" the bill to fund Michigan's four-year colleges and universities and the bill for welfare would come out of conference today.

The school aid package could come out by midweek, Crim said.

The seven budget bills now on the governor's desk total about \$283.7 million, only about \$3 million more than Milliken recommended.

But the budget bills still in conference committee or awaiting final legislative action total about \$2.454 billion, some \$89.5 million more than desired by Milliken, who has warned lawmakers to hold spending down or risk raising taxes next year. The school aid bill passed the Senate at \$704.6 million in general fund monies and the House later put it at \$728.6 million, fiscal agency figures show.

A record welfare appropriation of \$745.9 million passed the House but was slashed to \$720.8 million by the Senate.

The House also increased the Senate budget for higher education by about \$700,000 from \$381.3 million to \$382 million.

Over-all, Milliken recommended a budget hike of 15.6 per cent over last year's spending. Legislative action so far has pushed that increase to 19.5 per cent.

Van Buren Fair In Full Stride

HARTFORD — Van Buren county's 15th annual 4-H youth fair was swinging into full stride here today as hopeful youngsters were entering and stabling livestock exhibits.

The midway was to open at 6 p.m. with the Michigan state lightweight horse pull championship scheduled to begin at 7 tonight.

It will be children's day Tuesday with free admission for kids and reduced carnival ride

fares until 6 p.m. with the children's fun and pet parade also scheduled at 6 p.m. followed by the International Fair Time circus at 8 p.m.

The judging of all livestock exhibits, sheep, swine and beef begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The youth fairgrounds is located midway between Lawrence and Hartford on County Road 681, just off Red Arrow highway.



DEATH SCENE: State Trooper Arthur Nash and Dr. John Valantiejus of New Buffalo, center, examine identification papers of Cicero, Ill., woman killed Saturday morning when car she was

driving hit guardrail, flipped over and slid down embankment on I-94 near Sawyer. Pronounced dead at scene was Mrs. Liudvina Bigelis, 53. (Don Wehner photo)

Bizarre Murder Claims Boy, 7; Teen Accused



CHARLES PORTUS
Accused of murder

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — A 17-year-old youth was arraigned in District Court Sunday, charged with first degree murder in the slaying of a 7-year-old boy.

Charles Frederick Portus is accused of murdering Keith Minelli, whose body was found in a field near his home Satur-

day.

Portus stood mute at his arraignment. His attorney told Judge Michael Hand he would seek a mental examination to determine if Portus was mentally competent to stand trial.

Neighbors in the suburban area were shocked at Minelli's death.

"It can happen anywhere," said one homeowner. "It's pretty bad when it happens so close."

Another neighbor, Paul D. Sweeney, found the body while combing the area after the victim's mother became worried over her son's prolonged absence.

Sweeney found the boy with a shoestring knotted around his neck. The child was stabbed in the throat.

Another neighbor said she saw Sweeney running across the field with the boy in his arms.

"I knew Keith was dead," she said. "Sweeney is an undertaker and knows a dead person when he sees one. And Sweeney was screaming 'Keith! Keith! Sweeney was in shock.'"

Portus reportedly used to play with Keith and other neighborhood children.

"Chuck used to give all the kids rides on his back," explained one 8-year-old. "But everybody thinks he is a brat."

Judge Hand ordered Farmington police to "Keep any publicity to a minimum," explaining that "this kind of crime has an emotional response from the community."

Old Money Worth \$150,000 Stolen

BERKLEY, Mich. (AP) — Burglars got away with a coin and banknote collection worth more than \$150,000, police in this Detroit suburb said Sunday.

The collection included British Colonial bank notes valued at \$102,000 and ancient Chinese coins worth about \$50,000, police said.

William Pheatt, the collection's owner, told police he kept the collection at home because large safety deposit boxes were hard to find.

The exact value of the complete collection has never been established, Pheatt said.

He said several coins in the group dated back to 400 B.C.

OVER \$1 MILLION

Many Lottery Prizes Are Still Unclaimed

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — "Perhaps as many as six" superdrawing winners and 42,647 winners of \$25 each still haven't claimed their prizes in the Michigan State Lottery, according to Lottery Commissioner Gus Harrison.

The superdrawing winning tickets each are worth at least \$10,000 and perhaps as much as \$200,000, Harrison said.

If the 42,647 tickets worth \$25 each were cashed in, they would be worth \$1,066,175. But Harrison said they could be worth much more considering that each ticket also represents a chance in a \$1-million lottery drawing.

All of the tickets are good for at least a year after the date stamped on them.

State officials, asked why persons holding winning tickets wouldn't cash them in, offered a variety of reasons. They said some tickets might have been

lost, some were misread and cast aside, some were purchased by people passing through Michigan from other states and some possibly are held by winners who know they have plenty of time to cash them later.

Harrison said there could be one other reason. "Perhaps there are some people who for some reason do not understand how to win," he said.

The weekly superdrawing, which offers a \$200,000 top prize, is for the 12 people each week who hold tickets which have both three-digit winning numbers.

The millionaire drawing is held every six or seven weeks for the \$25 winners who had the right combination of numbers on the check stub they received from the state.

The next millionaire drawing is scheduled Aug. 2 at the Ionia Free Fair.

Lake Twp. Added To Flood List

BRIDGMAN — The federal government has added Lake township to the list of area municipalities where property owners may purchase flood insurance under a federal program.

Township Supervisor Wade Shuler said he was notified that the township had qualified for participation by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department.

Under the program, property owners may purchase the coverage through private insurance firms at a lower cost. Shuler said the qualification is effective Thursday, July 26.

Area's Weekend Road Toll Death List Rises To Three

Death of an Illinois woman in an auto crash near Sawyer mid-Saturday morning boosted the weekend traffic death toll in southwestern Michigan to three.

The three were among 17 killed across the state during the weekend count which began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Sunday.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Liudvina Bigelis, 53, of Cicero.

State police at New Buffalo said Mrs. Bigelis was killed when her car, eastbound on I-94 south of Sawyer road, went off the shoulder, hit a guardrail, flipped onto its top and slid down an embankment. Death was caused by a broken neck, according to Dr. John Valantiejus, Berrien deputy medical examiner.

Family And Fireman Injured In Crash

NILES — A Stevensville family and a Niles township fireman were treated at Pawating hospital here and released as the result of an auto crash on US-31 at Bell road about noon Saturday.

The crash occurred, Niles township police said, as the fireman was trying to stop traffic in the intersection to permit an emergency vehicle to pass.

The rescue vehicle was enroute to an accident on M-60, east of Pine Lake road in nearby Howard township where three out-of-state persons had been injured.

Police said the fireman, Tommy Cauffman, 27, had pulled his car into the intersection to block traffic when it was hit by a car operated by Siegfried Pfeil, 40, of Stevensville.

The death was the 21st on Berrien county roads so far this year.

The victim's husband, Vincent, 54, a passenger in the car, was reported in good condition today in the intensive care section at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph.

Police said the crash occurred about 10:20 a.m. Killed in an earlier accident in southwestern Michigan were Theodore Hujara, 55, Granger, Ind., and his son, Gregory, 7.

The two were killed when struck by an out-of-control car as they stood near a bridge fishing in Cass county. The accident occurred about 1:30 a.m. along US-12 east of Edwardsburg.

In other deaths across the state:

A 50-year-old Adrian man, Gerald Fidler, was reported killed when an auto missed a curve, struck two utility poles and pinned him against the front porch of a home in that city Saturday evening.

Traffic accidents also took the lives of two pedestrians. Detroit police said Arnold Hurd, 20, of Detroit, was struck while walking along a street in that city early Saturday.

Vickie Wilson, 10, of Port Huron Township, was killed Saturday while walking in Port Huron, police said.

State Police also said five persons were killed in four accidents involving motorcycles.

Huron County sheriff's deputies said one motorcycle accident killed two persons. James Crane, 26, of Cass City, and his 24-year-old wife, Deborah, died three miles east of Owendale when they were struck by a vehicle passing a line of cars Saturday night, deputies said.

Two other cyclists — Larry Sparrow, 23, of Ypsilanti, and Edward Dailey, 25, of Lansing — were killed in accidents early Saturday.

Sparrow was killed when his motorcycle collided with an auto on the U.S. 12 bypass in Washtenaw County and Dailey died when he left the road in Muskegon County and hit a tree.

Keith Lickert, 29, of Eagle, was killed Saturday evening when his motorcycle crashed into an embankment on Interstate 96 in Clinton County.

Paul Gazo, 46, of Southfield, died when his car ran off the road in Detroit late Friday.

Kenneth Baetens, 23, of Bloomfield Hills, was killed in a one-car mishap on Interstate 75 in the Detroit suburb of Troy early Saturday.

William Young III, 20, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died when his car ran off Interstate 94 in Detroit early Saturday.

Edward Purdy, 16, of Hart, was killed when his car hit a tree in Oceana County's Eldridge Township Saturday.

Liudvina Bigelis, 53, of Cicero, Ill., died when the car in which he was riding struck a

guardrail on Interstate 94 in Detroit Saturday.

Marion S. Lesniewski, 26, of Wyandotte, was killed Saturday when her car hit an abutment on Interstate 75 in Detroit.

The last victim of the weekend was Edward Moore, 31, of Muskegon, who authorities said died in a vehicle that ran off the road late Sunday night.



OCCUPANTS THROWN FROM CAR: All three persons who were riding in this car sustained head injuries when they were thrown onto I-94 today at 8 a.m. Sgt. Dave Tiefenbach, Berrien sheriff's deputy, said the car was westbound on I-94, near County Line road, Watervliet township, when it ran onto median, flipped two or three times, and landed in the oncoming lanes. Tiefenbach said driver, Santo Faso, of Chicago, was thrown about 120 feet. Passengers were Pam Balle, of Chicago, and Mary Wilkinson, of Bolingbrook, Ill. All three were in their 20's, Tiefenbach said. They were being treated at Mercy hospital, and Tiefenbach said the wreck remains under investigation. The truck shown in the picture was not involved in the crash (Cliff Stevens photo)